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A Chance to Vote on Parcel C Garage Plan

For the China-Born, Democracy in Action

In China they always knew where things stood. When it came to who had the power, most people knew it didn't belong to them. Though Chinese immigrants come to America for a variety of reasons, the desire to live in a free and democratic society remains an important one.

While the director of the Boston Redevelopment Authority may have doubts about deciding land-use decisions by referendum, many people in Chinatown do not. For many Chinese immigrants planning to vote in the Sept. 12-13 Parcel C Referendum, voting on the issue represents something essentially American and democratic.

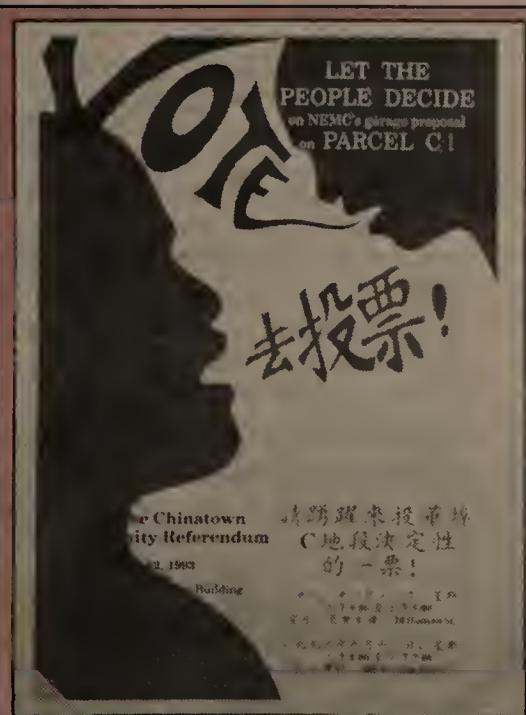
When the question is raised about whether the Asian community should be able to vote on a New England Medical Center proposal to build a garage on Parcel C on Oak Street in return for more than \$1.82 million, the answer seems obvious to many. Of course they should be able to vote, they argue. They don't make fine points or engage in subtle arguments. It's a clear and simple issue: Let the people have their say and let the chips fall where they may.

Hung Sang Lee, a restaurant worker and Chinatown resident who came here from Guangzhou three years ago, believes that freedom and democracy are the best things America has to offer new immigrants. China, he notes, is quite different. The leaders decide everything and the people can't change decisions they don't like. But America is a free country where everyone can speak out, he said.

Lee believes that Parcel C on Oak Street should be used for a community center. Chinatown is small, he said, and the remaining land should be used by the people who live here. He, like many critics of the garage plan, claim it will bring more traffic, more air pollution, and more danger to an area where elderly people live and where children attend school.

David Moy, a resident of Tai Tung Village, also believes strongly in the value of the referendum. He was one of those who attended a May meeting of the Chinatown/South Cove Neighborhood Council.

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A Referendum Poster on Tyler Street.

Where and When to Vote

The Parcel C referendum will take place in Chinatown on Sept. 12 and 13, 1993. On Sunday Sept. 12, members of the community can vote from 9 am to 5 pm at the Chinese Merchants Building, 20 Hudson St, Boston Chinatown; and on Monday, Sept 13, from 8 am to 7 pm at the Quincy Elementary School, 885 Washington Street, Boston, Chinatown.

The following people can vote in the election: Asian residents of Massachusetts, age 14 or older; Non-Asian residents of the Chinatown/South Cove area, including Mason Place, Tremont on the Common, Waterford Place, South Cove Manor, Parkside, and Castle Square. Voters must bring two forms of identification with proof of name, address and date of birth.

Council Stands Back

While members of the Coalition to Protect Parcel C for Chinatown (CPPCC) strongly believe that the Parcel C Referendum is appropriate and allows the community to offer its opinion on the garage issue, members of the Chinatown/South Cove Neighborhood Council in general believe that they also did the right thing in approving the garage proposal by a 12 to 2 margin.

The Parcel C Coalition has made an effort to invite the Neighborhood Council to take part in the referendum,

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The Parcel C Referendum will present the Asian community with two opposing points of view on an important community issue. On Sept. 12 and 13, the community will be asked to choose one of them.

The New England Medical Center has proposed to build a 455-car parking garage on Parcel C on Oak Street, which is currently being used as a Medical Center parking lot. The land is owned by the Boston Redevelopment Authority (BRA), which had originally promised it to the community. The land was set aside for the community in return for allowing the Medical Center to build on an adjacent parcel, where a hospital building is currently under construction.

Parcel C was originally meant to be the site of a Chinatown community center providing space for community agencies and organizations. When no money was found to build the community center, the BRA asked the Medical Center to devise a plan for the 24,000 square-foot site that would satisfy both its own and the community's needs. The result was the garage/benefit plan.

In return for approval to build a garage on Parcel C, the hospital said it would build a 10,000 square-foot community center on the same site or give the community \$1.82 million for a still-undetermined use. It also offered an additional \$150,000 for another community project, and 55 parking spaces for community housing planned for vacant land across the street.

The Chinatown/South Cove Neighborhood had assigned the Chinatown Community Center Inc., which consisted of representatives from the agencies seeking space in the community center, to negotiate the matter with the Medical Center. CCC as a group eventually rejected the Parcel C garage/benefit proposal, saying the community center offered was too small. But two organizations, the South Cove YMCA and the Asian American Civic Association, in the end supported it. The CCC had at one point asked the Medical Center for \$3.5 million in benefits but the Medical Center rejected the proposal.

Three of the CCC organizations opposing the project called a community meeting and found that most of the people attending opposed the garage plan. They then formed the Coalition to Protect Parcel C for Chinatown to try to stop the garage from being built by taking their opposition first to the Neighborhood Council, then to the BRA. The Neighborhood Council subsequently approved it the garage/benefit plan by a 12 to 2 margin in May, believing that it was the best offer available to the community given current economic conditions.

The BRA, despite the coalition's opposition, gave the project tentative approval and plans to give or withhold final approval before the end of the year. How the BRA will react if the community rejects the garage proposal in the referendum remains unclear, though BRA director Paul Barrett has said he doesn't believe it's a good idea to decide such issues by referendum.

What follows are two opposing community points of view on the garage/benefit issue. Voters must choose to either accept or reject the garage/benefit proposal.

Lowe Says No

Lydia Lowe, the co-director of the Chinese Progressive Association and a spokeswoman for the Coalition to Protect Parcel C for Chinatown, believes there are compelling reasons for members of the community to vote against the garage.

She said that building a garage on Parcel C is inappropriate and poses public health and safety hazards because it would be close to a school, a child care center, an elderly housing project, residences, and a planned housing

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Moy Says Yes

Chinatown Neighborhood Council co-moderator William Moy, along with 11 other Council members, voted to approve the Parcel C garage/benefit proposal. He said he supports the proposal because he believes it's the best option available to the community at this time.

Moy said that he has been willing to listen to alternative plans for the site but believes the Coalition to Protect Parcel C for Chinatown has yet to offer a viable one.

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Interview: Helen Choi Counsels Women Who Need to Leave Home

It's a problem that Helen Choi was aware of before she became the Chinese advocate for the Asian Women's Project. As a social worker at the Asian American Civic Association in Chinatown, she regularly met women who were being abused by their husbands. "I [saw] a lot of battered woman cases," says Choi, who was AACAs Multi-service Center coordinator.

Since starting her new job about three months ago, Choi has been regularly helping Chinese battered women who

need to leave their homes find shelters. "Most are new immigrants from Taiwan, China, Hong Kong," says Choi, who now has 24 cases.

Her work also involves helping them seek restraining orders against their husbands, legal help with divorces, and housing and government assistance. Because there are no shelters in the Boston area where Asian languages are spoken, she finds her clients places in regular shelters throughout the area. "There are shelters for battered women in

Massachusetts but none of them have Asian advocates," she says.

The Asian Women's Project, which will soon become the Asian Shelter and Advocacy Project, is currently in the process of raising money to open a shelter specifically for Asian women in Boston. The organization, which is a project of the Unitarian Universalist Urban Ministry, now has Chinese, Vietnamese and Cambodian advocates to help place Asian women in area shelters.

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Helen Choi in Chinatown

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"I don't feel that the garage is the best alternative," he said. "I'd be willing to support other alternatives. Just present them." Moy said there are more compelling reasons to accept the garage than to reject it.

While Coalition members say Parcel C is the last piece of land in the Chinatown residential area, Moy pointed out that parcel C isn't the last available piece of land in the community. He said land would be available following construction of the new Central Artery Project and possibly through air rights over the Mass. Turnpike. "The Central Artery is going to create about five parcels and they're all going to be available," he said.

While he agrees the effect the garage would have on traffic and the environment should be legitimate community concerns, he questioned whether those effects would be substantial. Paul Barrett, director of the Boston Redevelop-

ment Authority, has ordered the Medical Center to further study environmental impacts. He said that the project would not move forward if such environmental problems prove to be serious.

Moy noted that the garage would largely be replacing parking spaces already existing in the Chinatown area to be lost through other developments. He said, however, that the cars would be "slightly more concentrated." And while there "may be increases in air and noise pollution," as well as in traffic, he suggested that it remains to be seen whether those increases would be serious enough to halt construction of a garage. He said construction of a Central Artery off ramp onto Marginal Road, which he has worked to stop, would pose a more serious traffic problem for the neighborhood.

Moy noted that the garage's entrance and exit would be on Nassau Street, rather than on Oak Street, where residents are especially concerned about the garage's impact. "The number of cars are not going to be that much greater than there are today," he said.

He also pointed out that the 55 park-

both parcels. Lowe suggested that it is really an issue of fairness and of the city keeping its promises to the community.

If the community rejects the garage in the upcoming referendum and the city decides to follow suit and reject the proposal as well, the community would then have to come up with a plan to develop the site, said Lowe. "If there wasn't a garage I think there would need to be a community process" to develop a plan for the site, she said.

Lowe noted that part of the land (which currently contains about 80 parking spaces) must be used to provide parking for the planned Oak Terrace housing project. The rest of the land - at least in the short term - could perhaps be used for a basketball or volleyball court, or for a community garden or park. Chinatown has a need for open space and recreational areas for young people, the Coalition points out. She said it probably wouldn't be difficult to find funding for such a project.

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ing spaces for the planned Oak Terrace community housing project at Oak and Washington Streets and another housing project proposed for an adjacent site would probably create more congestion and traffic in the area than the NEMC garage would.

Moy believes that the major weakness of the Coalition's plan and the question they leave unanswered centers on what would become of the site if the garage plan is scrapped. "They haven't come up with any solution," he said.

While garage opponents have suggested that the community should "land bank" Parcel C until the economy changes, Moy questioned whether the economy would improve enough in the future to make funds available to construct a community center on the site.

He also noted that regardless of what the community did with the site it would still need money to both finance a project and provide 55 parking spaces. He again questioned where the money could be found to finance such an ambitious plan.

Moy suggested that in the end the most compelling reason for accepting

scenario, the parking could perhaps be put underground. She suggested that a plan would have to be developed to minimize traffic on Oak Street.

Lowe noted that there are currently "three buildings on Parcel C" representing about 30,000 square feet of space. The buildings are currently being used by NEMC. "Those buildings never entered the discussion," she said, adding that they offer another possible community option for the site.

While Lowe believes that raising money for a recreation area or park would not be difficult, she said that "raising more for a community center is more challenging." She suggested that one option would be a joint development arrangement. "Our first step has to be developing a community process for our plan for Parcel C," she said.

She suggested that the referendum was part of that process. "We're very interested in it being a fair and impartial election," she said, adding that she believes the BRA is opposed to the referendum. "I think the BRA does not want us to hold the election because

rent economic conditions.

"We think the CNC (Chinatown Neighborhood Council) does not really represent the Chinese community," he said. "We're so lucky in the United States. We have freedom. We think we have the right to do that (vote on the Parcel C issue) again." While many members of the Neighborhood Council may sharply disagree, Moy contends that the garage proposal - despite the more than \$1.82 million in community benefits it offers - ultimately offers "nothing helpful for the community."

Moy emphasized the importance of the referendum in drawing recent immigrants into the democratic process. He is concerned about the Chinese community's general reluctance to go to the polls and vote in elections. He said it's important for people to vote and get involved in the democratic process. At the same time, he realizes that many people have little interest in elections.

"Every time there is a major election or presidential election not many go to vote," he said. People raised in China, he explains, often believe that voting for any candidate means that you would just be voting to give power to someone who already has it. Either candidate, he suggests, would use his position for his own benefit rather than to help the country or the community. It's a widely held opinion in today's China as well. Most Chinese, he said, are interested in business - in working hard to create a better life for themselves. Politics is usually something to be avoided. In China, politics never gave them anything. If anything, involvement in it could bring them trouble.

the garage was the \$1.82 million plus it was offering to the community, a substantial sum that could be used for a variety of purposes. He noted that the sum was significant, given the \$5 million to \$6 million cost of the garage.

"It's the money and what it can do for the community," he said in commenting on his reason for accepting the proposal. He added that the money could be used for a variety of purposes, ranging from buying Tai Tung Village, to purchasing space for the South Cove Community Health Center, to funding community services.

While the Parcel C Coalition suggests that money could become available in the future when the economy changes, Moy doesn't see that happening. "I don't see any money coming into Chinatown for a community center," he said, adding that "nobody has really sat down to debate the total [Parcel C] issue."

"The Coalition has been very vocal about it," he said. "But they only point out things they want the people to know."

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Lowe-No

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project. She said it would mean more cars and more pollution.

She noted that while the proposed Medical Center garage has its entrance and exit on Nassau Street, she believes more cars would still end up on Oak Street. "How can you have 1000 more cars a day and not have any impact," she said, adding that optional plans for the site would have to take into consideration potential traffic congestion. "When we get to that point we'd have to look at our design plan," she said.

Lowe also pointed out that "the Boston Redevelopment Authority (BRA) and the city made a commitment to Chinatown almost four years ago that the community had a right to build on that land." Lowe and others believe that the hospital gave up Parcel C in order to build on the adjacent parcel, which Chinatown in turn gave up to gain Parcel C. If a garage is built Chinatown loses

both parcels. Lowe suggested that it is really an issue of fairness and of the city keeping its promises to the community.

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they're afraid the community will reject the garage," she said.

The BRA, she added, will have to respond "because the BRA has always said that the community is key to their decision making." At the same time, she vowed that "if the community votes for the garage the Parcel C Coalition will respect that" and "drop its protest."

Lowe said that "the money is the only reason people would want the garage." But, she added, "\$1.82 million sounds like a lot of money but the money will be spent very quickly. That money could easily be spent in a year or two on services," even more quickly for space, she said.

"The community will have to live with a garage for decades," she said, adding that Parcel C is the last piece of land in Chinatown's primary "residential area." Chinatown "as a residential community has already been eaten up," she said.

"I think we can win this struggle," added Lowe. "There are certain times we have to make a choice and money doesn't always come first," she said.

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Chinatown Referendum
Ballot Question

New England Medical Center (NEMC) has proposed to build a 455-car parking garage on Parcel C (next to the Acorn Day Care Center and playground on Oak Street) for their new ambulatory facility. This will affect Chinatown residents such as those on Oak Street, Johnny Court, in Quincy Towers elderly housing, Tai Tung Village, and Mass Pike Towers, as well as the Acorn Day Care Center, Quincy School, and other community groups. NEMC is offering the community 55 of the 455 parking spaces for the future housing developments across the street and \$1.97 million to be allocated by the Chinatown Neighborhood Council. In exchange, the Chinatown community would give up its rights to develop the land or build a community center as previously recognized in the Chinatown Master Plan.

Do you accept NEMC's proposal for Parcel C?

favor of the NEMC/BRA proposal for the construction of a garage on Parcel C. In subsequent meetings when the issue was discussed, the CNC was not in favor of any action that reflects that the vote taken by the CNC could be changed.

"There are no intentions on the part of the CNC either to oppose or to support your extension of the Parcel C issues. The CNC is not bound by any action or process your organization may wish to initiate. Indeed, it seems quite contradictory to the barrage of adverse public statements coming from you and members of the CPPCC against the CNC concerning its integrity, its community interest, and its position in the community that the CNC is needed now in a process the CPPCC wants."

Last week Council co-moderator William Moy reaffirmed the Council's reasons for staying out of the referendum. "If we got involved in the referendum the way it's worded, it's like the Council admitting the first time their voting wasn't correct," he said. He added that "the Council still feels the way they acted was correct." Moy suggested that the way the referendum will be worded may not be fair but that it would pass in its current form because most people don't know all the details of the issue. Asked if he would vote in the referendum, he said: "I don't know. I don't think so."

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rent economic conditions.

Lydia Lowe, a co-director of the Chinese Progressive Association and a member of the Coalition to Protect Parcel C for Chinatown, which has organized the referendum, emphasized last week that she hopes all members of the community will come out to vote - both those for and against the garage - to ensure that the process is democratic.

The American Friends Service Committee, a religious organization, will serve as the impartial sponsor of the election and oversee the voting. A number of community members have also been chosen to oversee the voting.

Questions and Answers about the Chinatown Community Referendum:

Q: Aren't they already building the garage on Oak and Washington?

A: No! The construction that you see is New England Medical center's new Ob-Gyn facility. Parcel C is the parking lot area next to the construction site.

Q: Wasn't the issue already decided?

A: No. The BRA made a "tentative designation" but has made no final decision. They are currently gathering community letters on the garage proposal and will hold a public hearing sometime after September.

Q: Do I need to be a citizen to vote?

A: No! This is an election run by the community, not the government. You don't need to be a citizen to vote.

Q: Will my boss or anyone else know how I voted?

A: No! The referendum will be run by secret ballot, with each person voting in an enclosed booth. Nobody will know if you opposed or supported the proposal.

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but the Council has decided against participating. In a Council letter signed by its three co-moderators, they said:

"The CNC respectfully declines to participate in your referendum process. It has acted within an existing process that has been in place since the beginning of the CNC. Meeting its responsibility to render an advisory opinion in behalf of the community, the CNC on May 17, 1993 voted overwhelmingly in

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EDUCATION

A Wish to Excel Carries Students to the Top

Their stories may be especially inspiring to young people arriving in America with limited knowledge of English, though the lessons taught by their success should be useful to any high school student. They are the Boston public high schools' 1993 valedictorians, who are now about to begin their first year of college. Most of them have received scholarships, and nine out of 16 are Asian Americans.

A strong sense of personal initiative and responsibility, family support, and help from teachers all contributed to their success in high school, according to the graduates, a large number of whom are immigrant students or the children of immigrants.

Hongyan Nguyen, Brighton High School's 1993 valedictorian, came to the United States when she was 13. She and her sister left Vietnam in a boat and spent a year in a refugee camp in Thailand. Eventually they came to Boston to join their brothers and sisters who had already arrived. Nguyen said her mother died in Vietnam in 1975 and her father remained behind.

Nguyen recalled that when she came to Boston she spoke very little English. She had to make the best of the little she had picked up in the refugee camp. Once in the US, however, she made rapid progress. She was enrolled in a bilingual program at the Thomas Edison Middle School for six months before transferring to regular classes.

"The bilingual program did give me a lot of confidence," said Nguyen. Once she was enrolled in regular class with other stu-



Brighton High's 1993 valedictorian, Hongyan Nguyen in Chinatown.

dents, she found herself eager to learn as quickly as possible to catch up with the rest of the students. "That's the motivation that made me try to speak English as fluently as I could," she said.

Nguyen, who received a scholarship to attend Boston University in the fall, would like to become a doctor. She attributes much of her success to the support she received from her brothers and sisters. Doing well in school had become a "family tradition," she said, though she also received much help from teachers, friends and tutors.

She said her father was a town official in Vietnam and was sent to a reeducation camp after the war. Her mother was a nurse. "My father always told us that education is the only thing you can always have," she said. "Money and fame can always go away but knowledge will stay with you for the rest of your

life...That's part of the reason I strive so hard."

Thy Hong Do, Jeremiah E. Burke High School's 1993 valedictorian, came to the US from Vietnam in 1989. When she arrived here with her family she didn't know any English. Since her school didn't have a bilingual class, she was placed in a special English class. "It was very difficult," said Do, the third child in a family of five girls and three boys. "I just tried my best and kept working very hard," she said.

Like many of the valedictorian students, she attributes much of her success to the support and encouragement she received from a family that valued education as well as her teachers' willingness to help her with her studies. Also important, she said, was her own strong will to succeed.

"My parents really wanted their children to have success in education," said Do, who plans to study pre-med at Emmanuel College in the fall. "They always said that education was a door to

my future, so I need to prepare when I'm young." She said her parents were teachers in Vietnam.

Do suggested that some students fail to succeed at school because they don't try hard enough, not because the teachers or the schools are sub-standard. "I know that all the teachers really want to help students," she said. "Some students didn't learn a lot. Sometimes they just make fun of the teachers."

She believes that the poor performance of some students could be attributed to "family problems. I had a lot of people to help me study," she said, adding that some students' "families don't tell them to study."

Dianique Gracia-Batista, valedictorian at Snowden International High School, came to Boston from Panama when she was seven years old. She was in a bilingual education class for one year before transferring to regular classes. Excelling in school, she says, was important to her family. "They were very strict about the time I had to study," she said, adding that they always tried to impress on her the importance of education. "I guess it was the way I was brought up," she said.

She also attributes much of her success to her own determination to excel. "I've always wanted to go to school, so I kind of pushed myself," she said. Her high school years will be remembered as a positive time in her life. "I had a very wonderful experience. I made a lot of good friends," she said. In her address to students she told them to take responsibility for their own lives. "If you come across an obstacle that puts you down, get up and try again."

Tuan Anh Truong, the valedictorian at South Boston High School, came to Boston from Vietnam at the age of 15 to join his father who was already here. He had studied English in school from an early age before he came to the US. Truong attributes much of his success to his mother's emphasis on education. "She valued education quite a lot," he said. "Before the war ended she was headmaster of the school."

Truong also found that education in this country isn't as difficult as in Vietnam. "In Vietnam the education is more demanding," he said. "But [in Vietnam] we don't have a variety of classes." In Vietnam, such subjects as math, geometry, and chemistry were taught in depth from year to year, but in the US students learn each subject for only one year.

Truong, who has received a full scholarship to Boston University, believes that the biggest shortcoming of his high school was its lack of supplies, such as textbooks and up-to-date computer equipment. And while he suggested that racial problems at South Boston High School are not as serious as the media made them out to be earlier this year, he said that students of other races - black, white and Hispanic - "say things to me, make fun of me" at different times.

"I thought Asian people were being made fun of by other people," he said. But, he added "those are the bad people, the troublemakers."

He said he "didn't try to retaliate" when such incidents occurred. "I had self-control," said Truong, who plans to study computer and electrical engineering at BU. "I ignored them."

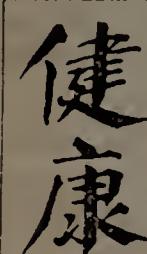
Nora Sullivan, the valedictorian of East Boston High School, is the daughter of Irish immigrants who came to the US 20 years ago. "They always instilled that education was everything for me," she said, adding that they were happy "probably not only because I'm valedictorian but because I'm doing something they never could," she said.

Sullivan, who received a scholarship to attend BU, where she will study pre-med, takes issue with the way the media portray the Boston Public School System. "I personally had great teachers," she said.

"I never thought about being valedictorian," she said. "I thought about doing the best I can."

-R. O'Malley

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INSIDE CHINATOWN

Seven Chinese Americans in Police Class

Seven Chinese Americans will be members of the next police class, according to Yon Lee, the city's liaison to the Chinese community.

Although 13 Chinese Americans were selected by the civil service to join the class, six failed to pass the physical examination last month. One also apparently failed the Chinese language test.

Of the seven Chinese Americans who will join the class - which could begin this month - six were selected because of their ability to speak either Cantonese or Toisanese Chinese. The candidates were not chosen specifically because they were Asian but because they could speak Chinese, a language that is helpful in the department's communications with the Asian

immigrant community. One of the seven new members was selected because she was already a police cadet, not because of her language ability.

To become a police officer, potential candidates must first take a civil service examination. Candidates who pass the exam are then selected by civil service according to their test score.

They can also move up the list quickly if they fall into special categories or preferences. Veterans and relatives of police officers slain in the line of duty are given special preference. Under a court-ordered consent decree meant to diversify the police force, African Americans and Hispanics can also move up the list. Asians, however, were not included in the affirmative action consent decree.

The only way for Asians to move up the list is by scoring high on the test or by using the language preference category. Lee, however, said that the civil service lists usually only contain names from the various special categories, making it difficult even for high test scorers to move up the list.

Of the roughly 2,000 Boston Police Department officers, only 13 are Asian. The Asian community has been working for some time to get Asians onto the police force but had little success while Mickey Roaehe was police commissioner and Raymond Flynn mayor.

The new police commissioner, William Bratton, with the support of acting Mayor Thomas Menino, immediately requested that Asians be hired under the

special linguistic preference category, something that the former commissioner had not done.

"I think a lot of credit should be given to Commissioner Bratton," said Neil Chin, a Chinatown resident who has long worked to get the city to put more Asians on the police force. "That process (linguistic preference) was always there to be used."

Roaehe, he said, "was made aware of this process but he chose not to do it." Chin recalled that on Aug. 21, 1991, Roaehe, in a visit to Chinatown, "said he would use any process to appoint more Asians to the police force." But "he didn't," Chin added.

While the community had hoped that perhaps 10 Asian officers would join the force, Chin

said the community is satisfied with Bratton's effort so far. "This is not so much a criticism of Roaehe but an appreciation of Bratton," said Chin. At a luncheon last month at the China Pearl Restaurant in Chinatown, Bratton received a community service award for his effort to help the Asian community.

Chin noted that there may be another police class in February and said he hoped that the "bilingual certification" option would again be used to hire more Asians. While Asians make up about 5.3 percent of the city's population, they still make up about only about 1 percent of police officers on the force, even with the seven new officers, Chin said.

-R.O.

Choi

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The Project was able to hire Choi as its first Chinese advocate following a fundraiser organized by the city's Department of Neighborhood Services at the opening performance of Laurence Yep's play "Dragonwings" at the Emerson Majestic Theatre last year. The city's Department of Health and Hospitals, with the help of board member Dr. Robert Guen, then contributed matching funds to hire Choi for one year.

Choi suggests that her clients share many of the same experiences. "Most of them are being physically abused and mentally abused by the husband," she says. Most of the men work in restaurants and "most went back to China to get married and applied for them (their wives) to come here."

"Usually after their arrival the husbands will try to control them," she explains. The control comes in various forms, such as by not allowing the wife to leave the house to socialize with others or talk with neighbors, or by not allowing the women to spend money. "If she does not listen to the husband he will verbally abuse or even slap her, kick her, or beat her up," says Choi. "They have no place to go for help."

For many of the women, life

under such circumstances can be isolating and lonely. "Most women have no support because their own relatives are in China," she says. "Usually the women don't have any friends and relatives here. They feel alone, without any help."

The Project gives them the support needed to make the kind of changes that will lead to a more secure and less threatening life. The process usually begins with clients calling to discuss their immediate problems. At first, they are usually reluctant to meet with the advocates. "They can only sneak out from the house, make a phone call," she says. When they "feel safe, secure," then "they come and see us." In time, she adds, "they feel they should leave the house."

Husbands are often angry when the wife decides to leave the house. "Mostly the husband would be furious that someone helped them," she says. If they are called to appear in court for a restraining order, they often "claim the woman is lying or the woman has something wrong with her," she explains. "Some of them beg the woman to return home because they have children." She adds, however, that most women refuse to return home "because they have given them enough time to change" already.

Choi attributes some of the

abuse to behaviors deeply rooted in tradition. "In Asian communities men are the dominant figures in the household," she says. If they use violence within the family they consider it a private affair. "So they do not see this as violence or a crime," she adds. "It's not a big deal" is how they view their behavior.

And while Choi says the number of battering cases reported to the Vietnamese and Cambodian advocates is larger than the number she receives from the Chinese community, she attributes the difference to the tendency of Chinese women to keep quiet about the problem. She also believes that social service agencies within the Chinese community aren't doing enough to educate people that violence against women is wrong. "Chinese don't have enough agencies publicizing this," she says. "Vietnamese and Cambodians have learned how to protect themselves better" because social service agencies focus on the problem more thoroughly.

Sometimes physical abuse can go on for years, says Choi. Sometimes women only stay with their husband for the sake of their children. She recalls the case of a woman who stayed married for 25 years before finally seeking a divorce after her children had grown up. "Most Chinese women take this (economics for their children) as an important factor," she says. "So the women will suffer. So the women will not come out to report any abuse."

Although many of the women marry husbands whom they don't know well before getting married, Choi doesn't believe this is a major cause of the problem. "I don't think that's a factor in causing the battering," she says. The

real problem involves "communication between the men and the women."

Choi, however, points out that many women turn out to be disappointed when they finally come to America. From Asia, they view the US as "a free country," as a place where "you can go anywhere, say anything." They think that the husband will have a nice house and a good life waiting for them. What they find, however, is perhaps a cramped bedroom, \$20 a week to spend, and a husband unwilling to let them leave the house when he's not around. "She is disappointed," she says.

Husbands, she suggests, often work in restaurants for long hours, seven days a week. "They have little time to spend together, so communication will be inadequate." Also, she adds, the husbands often "do not want the women to know better, to be better than themselves." If a woman goes out to take courses to learn English or some other skill, "the man will feel jealous and will not want them to do it," she adds. "They're afraid the women will be more educated than themselves."

While most of her clients are married to restaurant workers, some are married to students from Taiwan. In their case, the husband, for example, may spend a lot of money but not allow the wife, who stays home to take care of the child, to spend much. Or else "the man might sometimes gamble and take away all the savings and that affects the daily living," she says.

To stop battering within the Chinese community, Choi believes the community needs to be better educated on the issue. The community, she says, must send the message that battering is not socially acceptable within

the community. Also, "the batterers should admit themselves that they are doing wrong," she adds. "They need to admit that this was wrong because we are not born to be beaten up by anyone."

Choi says that it's important to have a shelter specifically for Asian women. When Asian women stay in shelters now language and cultural differences often make them feel uncomfortable there. It's this situation that has inspired members of the Asian community to raise money to open an Asian shelter. "It's very frustrating because we have to make over 30 calls each day till a place is available," says Choi. "If we cannot find a place for her she has to go back."

Choi, who has a certificate in social work from Hong Kong Polytechnic, came to the US as an immigrant and has worked as a social worker in Boston's Asian community for over five years. "I myself have a mission to work with Asians and to help the Asian community," she says.

-By Robert O'Malley

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IN THE CITY

Traditional Chinese Sports in Boston

Shuttlecock kicking, diabolo spinning, and rope skipping are "folk sports that reach deep into China's past. Though they continue to be played by some children in today's mainland China, interest in them has been on the wane in Taiwan over the last 40 years, according to Shann Sheau Lin, deputy commissioner for the Bureau of Education in Taipei.

Lin was in Boston last week to escort a troupe of Taiwan 12-year-olds who demonstrated the sports in an afternoon performance on the wharf at the Boston Children's Museum.

Shuttlecock kicking evolved from an ancient form of Chinese soccer played in the army and has been popular with Chinese for some 1500 years. The shut-



Shuttlecock kicking at the Children's Museum last week

tlecock is usually made from a metal coin wrapped in cloth and covered with feathers. The game is played by kicking the feathery object with the foot and balancing it on the head, shoulder, or

knees. It's a game that involves much skill and coordination.

"Diabolo spinning involves balancing an ancient Chinese spool-shaped toy on a string attached to two sticks. The top-like object is passed through the air and caught on the string. The spinning toy makes a humming sound as it runs along the string.

The third sport demonstrated was rope skipping in which multiple ropes and children were set in motion at the same time.

Also included in the afternoon's performances were lion dances and martial arts. The performances were accompanied by music and the children used puppets and lotus-leaf umbrellas in the course of the exhibition. The skill of the performers was appreciated by an

audience of adults and children, who sat under a warm afternoon sun to take in the activities.

Though the Taiwan Government is trying to revive interest in the games by encouraging children to develop these skills, Lin observes that children now have many more toys to choose from as tastes and times change. "I think the Western toy is very popular, the technical toy," she said.

The youths will now travel to Washington, D.C., where they will take part in the Children's International Festival. Before coming to Boston they had visited Puerto Rico and St. Thomas.

Behind the Scenes at "Miss Saigon"

By Calvin Yee

Is it hard to be an actor? Do you like touring? Does the helicopter really fly? How did you get started in acting?

Those were just some of the questions young people from

Boston Asian Youth Essential Services and the Horace Mann School asked performers at a special "Miss Saigon" Workshop given by the Wang Center for the Performing Arts' Young at Arts program.

"This [program] is the best outreach to the community," said Joseph Spaulding, president and general manager of the Young at Arts, which is meant to bring together art and academics. With

cuts in federal, state and local arts budgets, many students are not being exposed to the arts. Through the program, the Wang Center hopes to show teachers how to use art and drama to teach English, history, even math and science.

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enrichment that comes with exposure to the arts," said Spaulding. "Young at Arts is recognized as a catalyst to inspire young people and stir their imagination."

In the course of the program, staff member Cathy Chan gave the YES students a tour of the theatre. The young people visited dressing rooms and costume areas and had a glimpse of the tailor shops that repair the show's 374 costumes. They also learned about the show's production, including the computer that controls stage effects and the wireless microphones worn by the actors.

To place the play in an historical context, students were given a brief history of the Vietnam War. The Young at Arts staff then held an improvisational and interactive theatre session where students acted out what they imagined to be scenes from the Vietnam era. The staff further developed the theme of war through a discussion focusing in part on the impact the Vietnam War had on the people involved in it.

The students were then invited to see the show. For many it was their first opportunity to see a fully-staged musical. The play did not disappoint them: many said they enjoyed the musical and hoped they would someday have the opportunity to see another.

Kenneth Ng, a senior at Boston Latin School, said he was spending the summer working as an intern at the Wang Center because he wanted to gain experience in the theatre. Although he believes Asian Americans haven't had much success in theatre, Ng nonetheless is eager to study it in college and eventually pursue it as a career.

The young people also met with some of the play's performers, including Paul Martinez, a Filipino American, who plays a marine, among other roles, in the show. He noted that 23 of the 47 performers in the play are Asian Americans - an anomaly, he added, since in most productions you would be lucky to see two or three Asian Americans. He said his ethnicity makes it difficult for him to do well as an actor because he is typecast as either a nerd or a gangster.

ASIAN ARTS

A Collection of Poems From Asian America

What should be immediately obvious to anyone who reads "The Open Boat: Poems from Asian America" is the wide range of sensibilities, memories, concerns and language rhythms that fall within the category, Asian America. Also obvious is the richness possible in American culture when its diverse voices are able to be heard.

"If there is a commonality to our work," writes the poet Garrett Hongo in his informative and spirited introduction to the paperback collection, "it exists, to varying degrees, around our own recognition of history and our private dialogues, magically romantic or existentially uneasy, with the consciousness of race in America."

At the same time that Hongo celebrates the common ground shared by Asian-American poets, he cautions against "ethnic fundamentalism" and, in the spirit of the American poet Walt Whitman, calls for an inclusiveness in which no voice will be excluded because it may be politically unacceptable to some.

Arguing that Asian American writers should be free to develop their own voices and points of view, Hongo suggests that Asian American poets have drawn their influences from a wide range of sources, from the English Renaissance to Tang Dynasty Chinese poetry.

"To me, our American poetry is a Memphis of languages...One can hear in it the Afro-American bassline of field hollers and blues, in influences derived from the Ango-Scot gospel tradi-



*"The Open Boat:
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tion." It's love of language itself that also inspires poets to put pen to paper, he says. "The poets I admire most love to make a sound and perhaps love making it as much or more than any creation of what used to be called meaning."

In the "Open Boat," readers will find Korean-, Chinese-, Japanese-, Indian-, and Filipino-American voices. Their themes are even more diverse. What unites some - but not all - of these poets is the context of their lives. Though each has a unique voice and vision, many poets share some of the same family history and wrestle with some of the same cultural convergences. At the same time, the issues they explore are universal in their appeal.

In her poem "The Man with

the Saxophone," Ai, a native of the American Southwest, uses the language of speech and the rhythm of music to tell the story of two saxophone players meeting and playing together on a New York Street. In the poem, a wanderer is for a moment released from despair and loneliness through the act of making music with another person.

"I'm the unencumbered bird of my imagination,/rising only to fall back/toward concrete/each note a black flower,/opening, mercifully opening/into the unforgiving new day."

Also evocative are the poems by Cathy Song, who was educated at Wellesley College and Boston University. The author of "Picture Bride," which won the Yale Series of Younger Poets Award in 1982, Song's poems offer a rich sense of lost time; they have the hazy quality of dreams and the emotional power of family memories. Her language is still and quiet but seems to move effortlessly.

Central to her poems is the strength of family connections and the realization that time inevitably takes away those close to us. Her poem, "Easter: Wahiawa, 1959," has this quality. "The rain stopped for one afternoon./Father brought out/his movie camera and for a few hours/we were all together/under a thin film/that separated the rain showers/from that part of the earth/like a hammock/held loosely by clothespins."

In a completely different vein is the poetry of John Yau, an art

critic and curator born in Lynn, Massachusetts. His "Radiant Silhouette" poems are images strung together with the unconscious logic of dreams. They are word paintings that reveal psychological states. "A woman points to herself/as if she were a foreign language/I am one of many swathed in fire/a tangerine hanging on the south wall."

Jessica Hagedorn, born and raised in the Philippines, writes with the language and rhythm of the streetwise. "Smokey's Getting Old" tells the story of a Filipino girl who comes to America: "hey Nellie,/how long you been here? did you/come with yr daddy in 1959/on a second-class boat crying all the while/ cuz you didn't want to leave the barrio/the girls back there/who wore their hair loose."

The poetry of James Masao Mitsui, for 26 years a high school English teacher, uses memory and family history to evoke quietly powerful emotions. In "At Bon Odori," he recalls his father: "Not the oldest son, at 16, he left the farm/in Nagano-Ken, gone to Tokyo/and had been tossed out of a club/that taught self-defense/Right into the street, he'd laugh,/just like this, as I held his still strong grip/and pulled him up off the floor/where I had tackled him, not understanding judo./When you fall, he said, before you land,/hit the floor harder first/with your hand & arm. It won't hurt."

Garrett Hongo writes a moving poem about an Asian man gunned down on a Chicago Street. The poem evokes the

aloneness and anonymity of an immigrant far away from home: "A few sounds escape from his mouth,/a babbling no one understands/as people surround him/bewildered at his speech./The noises he makes are nothing to them."

Edmond Yi-Teh Chang, born in Taiwan and a graduate of Tufts University, writes about a longing to return home in his poem, "Near-Sightedness": "I used to think near-sightedness/was every child's natural affliction, /inevitable like leaving home./Still each night I prayed/for the angels over San Giuseppe/to fly closer to my window,/and offer to take me home."

Adding humor to the collection is Russell Leong, who in his poem "Aerogrammes" offers a series of letters he receives from people he met on a trip to his family village in Guangdong Province.

"Your relatives/in Sunwui county/wish good health to you,/to your mother & brother./By the way/you know that/free enterprise/is alive & well/in China, indeed/we would like/to open/a dry goods shop/but we lack capital/Send as much as you can spare."

What's striking about this poetry is its directness and ability to communicate. It feels rooted in the experience of daily life. It feels honest. It also serves as testimony to the growing contribution Asian Americans are making to American literature and culture.

-Robert O'Malley.

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ASIAN ARTS

The Landscape Paintings of Yu Shan at CCI

By Doris C.J. Chu

An exhibition of Yu Shan's watercolor paintings is not only regarded by the Chinese Culture Institute (CCI) as an important show but has also attracted the attention of the city's media. The exhibit, which opened July 24 and will continue through Sept. 25, was reviewed in the Aug. 11 Living/Arts section of the Boston Globe, and a television station has requested an interview with the artist and a discussion of his work by CCI's curator.

It is not infrequent that art critics and the news media pay serious attention to CCI's art exhibitions. The artists selected by CCI are usually worth noticing. CCI is also cautious about its publicity. Only work that is truly outstanding gets top promotion. "We don't want to cry wolf all the time. If the critic gets lured to a show and sees mediocre stuff will he or she come again?" CCI's curator often says.

There have been shows that were banal in both style and technique. They really should never have appeared at the CCI Gallery. Those shows never attracted any media attention. For a gallery to maintain its reputation, it should avoid mounting such shows. CCI's Curatorial Committee is always very aware of this.

The critics are often more interested in avant garde stuff than in other kinds of work. Yu Shan's work clearly is "classic" and "pleasing" as described by Christine Temin of the Boston Globe. But certainly not avant garde. As



A Yu Shan landscape at the CCI.

such it is a pleasant surprise that Ms. Temin wrote that review.

Most of the artists selected by the Chinese Culture Institute from the many applicants hope that CCI will be able to use its connections and "influence" to induce critics to write favorable reviews. Regrettably, we have no such influence. Critics in this society cherish their integrity and credibility too much to let favors get in the way. Art and literary criticism has not yet established itself as an independent discipline in China (Taiwan and the Mainland). Writers there only offer empty praises. The encomiastic phrases are used on any artist, regardless of their appropriateness.

Contemporary culture worships the new and extraordinary. Artists aspire to make breakthroughs. True breakthroughs are rare, how-

ever. The many "isms" that developed after the Second World War were only innovations within a modernist framework established in the few decades before the war.

Yu Shan has no desire to be a soldier of avant garde art and conquer new frontiers. Like the Chinese literati artists of earlier centuries, he leisurely "lodges" his feelings in the paintings. Whenever he feels up to it, he amuses himself with his paint brush. Painting is not work for him. It is his pleasure - an avocation instead of an occupation.

His profession is theatre design. His design work includes scenes for Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" in Shanghai, and Chekov's "Three Sisters" and Shakespeare's "Othello" in Boston. After receiving an MA from Boston University's Theatre Department in 1989, Yu Shan

joined Visual Design Associates of Cambridge as an assistant designer. He was soon promoted to Scenic Designer. He was responsible for the amazing dramatic effect and background design for "The World of Dinosaurs" show at the World Trade center two years ago. The same show went to Taiwan earlier this year.

Yu Shan is without doubt an accomplished painter. He has been written up in such magazines as American Artists, published in the United States, and Collectors' World, published in Hong Kong. He has also been featured in solo and group shows in Massachusetts, Connecticut, Hong Kong, among other places. One Massachusetts gallery regularly gives him solo shows, and his work has been published and widely collected.

Yu Shan does not confine himself to any one "ism." For the sake of discussion, I have roughly divided his work into two groups and have arbitrarily coined a name for each: "visual verisimilitude" and "lyrical idea sketching." In so doing I have avoided using preexisting terms, each of which carries with it a specific import. As an art historian I cannot allow myself to use them inaccurately.

The most commonly misused terms among the Chinese are "Realism" and "Impressionism." It seems that very few people know what Realism is. The term is usually applied to a painting that reflects the natural world closely. Many people have heard

of the word "Impressionism" without knowing what it really means. They lump all non-representational art together and call it Impressionism. Meanwhile, Impressionist paintings and painting in that style are called Realist painting because of their close representation of nature.

"Idea sketching" is an art historical term used in discussing Chinese painting. Its opposite is "kung-pi or meticulous rendering." Strictly speaking, I should not use that term to describe watercolor, which is essentially a Western tradition. But since the term is not rigidly defined and has been loosely used, the danger of misuse is slight.

Yu Shan has perfected his watercolor techniques. Be it a piece of visual verisimilitude such as "North Beach" (#13), "Old State House" (#15), or a lyrical idea-sketching piece such as "May Breeze" (#16), "Morning Mist" (#2), "Autumn Rhythm" (#12), "Autumn Thought" (#20), "Mystic River" (#3), it is done with utter ease without a trace of laborious effort.

The vaporous haze of moist laden autumnal woods, the quietude of a snowy night, the variegatedness of falling leaves, the dimness of distant mountains, the undulation of the reflections in the water... all remind us of the beauty of the natural world. His description of textures is superb - notice the stone and wood planks in North Bridge; the features of the ducks in "Autumn Wind" (#21) and "Bustling Brook" (#23); the barks of old trees in "Mystic River," "Unknown Bridge" (#28) and "Summer Green" (#32); and the brick wall in "Harvard" (#30).

His colors are pleasing. He usually chooses one or two main colors for a painting. The richness of color comes from the changing intensity and shades within the same hue. His skillful handling of the palette imbued the paintings with different moods. "Village in Yunnan" (#8), with light brownish grey cottages against a deep purplish-blue background of indistinguishable trees and mountains, is a powerful contrast of colors and forms. "Morning Mist" is a South China village, represented by two thatched huts by a river enveloped in foggy dampness. In "Boating in the Li River" (#7), only the boat is easily recognizable as such. The river, the banks and the hills dissolved in a sea of blue and green. "May Breeze" too is a contrast of the concrete and the evasive: the ducks swimming in the river and the bamboo swaying in the breeze on the bank are figurative. The rest - the water, the sky, the clouds and the banks - all melt into a pleasing abstract piece. At the same time everything comes together to form a breathtaking landscape.

Yu Shan's show is well worth seeing.

(CCI Gallery is located at 276 Tremont St., Boston. Hours are 9:30 am-5 pm, Tues. through Sat.)
(Doris Chu is the director of the Chinese Culture Institute.)

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Calendar/Short News

CALENDAR

Racism in the Workplace: Sept. 11 & 18, 9-11:30 am; at the Cambridge YWCA, 7 Temple St., \$5 workshop fee, \$3.50 for members; for info. call Loretta Davis, 491-6050

Cultural District Mayoral Forum: Sept. 13, 7-9 pm, Tremont House, 275 Tremont St. The event is free and open to the public.

International/Intercultural Women's Group: Sept. 25, 1 pm, at the Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St., Cambridge. The topic will be "How Violence Against Women Affects Women's Lives in Different Cultures." For info. call 354-8807.

Women of Color Volunteer Reporters & Interns Wanted: For Sojourner: The Women's Forum, a monthly national feminist newspaper in Boston. To apply send letter, resume, and a short piece of non-fiction to Linda Wong, Associate Editor, Sojourner, 42 Seavers Ave., Boston, MA 02130, or call 524-0415 for info.



The 88 Super Market, at 50 Herald St., held its opening celebration last month.

Films by John Woo: At the Brattle Theatre, Harvard Square, Cambridge. "Hard Boiled," Sept. 10-16; "The Killer," Sept. 21; "A Better



Vivian Wenhuey Chen Huang, chairwoman and president of the Asian American Bank and Trust Company, at the bank's grand opening Aug. 27.

Tomorrow," Sept. 28; "Bullet in the Head," Oct. 5; "Once a Thief" and "Heros Shed No Tears," Oct. 12; "Hard Target," Oct. 19. For info. call 876-6708.

Register to Vote: At the Chinese Progressive Association, Mondays and Tuesdays, 9:30-5:00. We can register any US citizen, 18 years or older who lives in Massachusetts. Boston residents can register now to vote in the Nov. 2 final election. For info. call Har Yee Wong at 357-4499.

Chinatown Public Safety Meeting: Sept. 8, at 10:30 AM, at the CCBA office, 90 Tyler St., Chinatown.

Dinner Dance Fundraiser to Benefit Battered Asian Women Shelter: Sept. 25, 6:30 to 11:30 pm, at the Hillcrest, 220 Bear Hill Rd., Waltham, tickets \$45, includes dinner, live music, door

prizes. For reservations and info call Carmen Chan at 617-739-6696.

"Unbinding Our Lives" and "Living in Infamy": Sept. 8-26, at the Leland Center, Boston Center for the Arts, 539 Tremont St. Wed. through Sat. evenings at 8 pm, Sundays at 2 pm; tickets: \$10.25 advance; \$12.25 at the door. For reservations and info. call the Asian American Theater Project at 868-3077. The opening night performance on Wed., Sept. 8 at 8 pm will benefit the Asian Shelter and Advocacy Project. Tax deductible tickets: \$25 advance, \$30 at the door; includes hors d'oeuvre, reception and discussion with the actors.

First Time Home Buyers

The Quincy Community Action Programs will hold a series

of First Time Homebuyer's Workshops on Sept. 21, Sept. 28, Oct. 5, and Oct. 12 from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at Quincy City Hall (second floor conference room). To qualify for the mortgage options, people must attend all four workshops. The agenda will be comprehensive and individualized, covering all aspects of the homebuying process. The fee is \$40. For more info. call Kaye Wagner at 479-8181.

relationship with the hospital through a department providing students and families with support and services not offered through the Boston School System.

Chin Made Superior Court Judge

Municipal Court Judge Richard Chin has been appointed to the state's Superior Court. In 1989 Chin, a Brockton resident was named the state's first Asian-American judge.

National

OCA Protests "Rising Sun"

The Organization of Chinese Americans (OCA) joins over 25 community groups to express outrage over Hollywood's latest production, "Rising Sun," a film that portrays Asians as inhuman, one-dimensional, sinister villains. The OCA calls for



Children performing at Chinatown's annual August Moon Festival.

balanced portrayals of Asians and Asian Pacific Americans as complex and whole human beings.

Stated National President Ginny Gong, "When a movie's basic premise is to lay all blame for US economic problems on the Japanese and a Japanese conspiracy, Hollywood is only adding fuel to the fire of anti-Asian sentiments. We can not ignore the crimes of violence that have already occurred in the last year - crimes as vicious as a Chinese-American immigrant girl being attacked by teenagers who spray painted her face black and a young Vietnamese American being brutally kicked and beaten to death because of the color of his skin. The movie only serves to further dehumanize the lives of Asians and Asian Pacific Americans."

The Asian American community has already been experiencing violent backlash due to current stereotypes and fears fueled by the media of a Japanese and Asian economic invasion. In 1992, the Department of Justice reported a 62 percent increase in hate crimes perpetrated against Asian Pacific Americans within a one-year period. Stated executive director Daphne Kwok, "This movie sends out a message that it is acceptable to vent all our national frustrations on the Asians. It is no coincidence that the rise in anti-Asian hate crimes has happened in this time of economic instability after years of scapegoating Asian countries for American economic woes."

-by the OCA

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十月廿四日在中華藝文苑畫廊展出，將於九月廿五日結束的俞山水彩畫展，不唯受到藝文苑的重視，更受到藝評家與傳播媒體的注目。

藝文苑的美展經常得到評論界、新聞界的好評，這是因為選擇的藝術家與作品都值得注意，加之藝文苑的宣傳工作做得恰當妥帖。偶然也有些展覽，風格陳腐、僵化，藝文苑的Curator與評選委員因若干原因不得已而排入展覽。當然不為評論界所齒。一個畫廊要保持好的聲譽，經不起幾次不入流的展覽，所以藝文苑美術部評選委員會戰戰兢兢。

坦率地說，俞山水彩畫展能吸引環球報的藝評者，是預料之外之事。

因為這些評論家對作風保守的作品一向不加注意，在前衛的東西裡挑挑選肥，不好的固然挑不上，好的也不一定挑得上，而且好壞之間，主觀色彩也很濃厚。

若干被藝文苑選中的藝術家都盼望藝文苑能利用『影響』，請評論家來寫文吹捧。豈知美國的評論家鐵面無私。為了保持他在評論界的聲譽，讀者對他的信賴，和對主題的公正，他絕不受人影響。這和中國社會不同。



俞山和他的水彩畫

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我感到中國(包括台灣及大陸)至今尚未建立評論的制度。寫文的人，礙於情面，只套用空洞的恭維之辭，不考慮適當與否。

廿世紀的今日，求新求奇。一切新的即是好的。藝術家都盼望能夠『突破』。但突破談何容易？二次大戰後世界藝壇雖標新立異，

產生了無數的『主義』，但都未能突破戰前奠立的現代藝術的基本觀念，而只能在幾個大範圍之內摸索。

俞山無意做前鋒戰士，無意開拓藝術的新疆域。如同數百年前中國的文人畫家，閒適地寄意於畫，興之所至，信筆舒發。俞山也無意揚名畫壇。他是專業的舞台佈景設計師，繪畫是『副業』他的諸多設計作品中舉幾個例子：

莎劇『第十二夜』與『奧賽羅』之佈景(前者為上屆莎士比亞戲劇節作，後者為波士頓大學戲劇系而作)，契可夫的『三姐妹』之佈景(為波士頓之 Huntington Theatre 所作)，設計均獨具匠心。波大畢業後投身 Cambridge 的 Visual Design Associates 為設計助理。其設計與繪製之能力為老闘賞識，不久即提升為主要設計師。兩年後在世界貿易中心的恐龍大展及今年春季運到台灣去的恐龍大展，其背景氣氛戲劇效果皆出自俞山的手筆。

俞山在他的『副業』上成績可圈可點。美國的藝術刊物 (American Artists)、香港的藝術刊物『收藏天地』都有專文介紹他的作品，刊印了多幅畫作。在紐英崙幾處畫廊展出時，作品廣被收藏，有一家畫廊定期為他展覽。

在風格上，俞山不拘泥於一種『主義』。為便於討論起見，我強將這次展出的三十七幅作品粗略地劃分為兩類。我硬創出這兩個名詞，是為避免引用美術史上現有的名詞，因為每一個現有的名詞都有它一大套的特定含意。作為一個美術史專業的人，無法盲目亂用，那樣不但內行會嘲笑，自己也會嘲笑。一般最常被濫用、誤用的莫過於『寫實』、『印象派』兩個名詞。何謂寫實主義？似乎很少人知道，以為『寫實』即畫面與實物逼真

。我之所以用『視覺寫真』即因『寫實』二字不宜濫用。至於『印象派』較多的人有正確的了解，但仍有許多

人將所有二十世紀的現代繪畫，一切與實物形象有距離的繪畫，都冠以那字：『印象派』。而真正印象派手法比較正確地反應物象，竟被稱為『寫實畫』了。

『寫意』是討論中國畫的一個形容詞，與『工筆』對峙。因其函意寬泛，誤用的危險較小，但嚴格地說，不宜用在西方傳統的藝術上。

俞山的技法鍛煉已臻爐火純青。學過繪畫的人，都承認水彩比油畫的技巧艱難。俞山同樣精於油畫。但這次展出的純屬水彩。無論視覺寫真的如『北橋』，『議會舊址』，或抒情寫意的如『五月的微風』，『晨霧』，『秋韻』，『秋意』，『神秘河』等，都是得心應手，筆到畫成，找不到絲毫費力的痕跡。寒林煙雨的迷濛，雪夜的寧靜，秋葉飄落的斑爛繽紛，濛濛的遠山，搖曳的水影，使觀者恍似宇宙之動人。物體的觸感 (Texture) 如『北橋』與『佚名橋』中的石塊、木板；鴨子的羽毛『秋風』，『激流』)；站在『北橋』一端石座上的銅像；斑剝的老樹 (『激流』，『佚名橋』，『夏蔭』)；磚牆 (『哈佛』) 等，刻畫入微，極盡描寫之能事。

色彩的掌握，清新怡人。一幅畫一般只一、二種主調，但濃淡深淺變化無窮，時而明朗，時而憂鬱，寫出各畫的氣氛與情調。『雲南村景』(第八號) 淡黃的村舍，羅列於深紫藍的山巒，滾滾的流水，在筆筆揮洒中形成一幅抽象畫面。唯有江上的輕舟，清淅可辨。又是一種對比。『五月的微風』(第十六號) 具象的只有溪中划動的鴨群和岸側臨風的竹叢，即使鴨群也只是數抹灰藍，竹叢是幾筆青綠。其餘水天、雲山、河岸在浩浩的色彩形成悅目的抽象畫，然而同時有形無形中印入觀者心眼一幅自然美景。這是一個值得一看的畫展 (藝文苑

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服務及課程

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分早、晚兩課，日間課程逢週二至五，上午八時半至十時半上課、晚間課程逢週二、四、六時至八時上課。課程全期十六週，早課學費半期一百三十元、晚課全期一百三十元，現正招生，請親臨該會應考編班試。

☆入籍班

現已招收上午新生，上課時間：星期二至星期五上午八時半至十時半。九月份課程由九月二十八日至十月八日。十月份課程由十月二日至十月十二日。學費全期六十元。

☆免費職業先修班

（為期二十一週）
資格：（一）大波士頓區居民凡滿二十二歲或以上；（二）低收入；（三）畢業後進修職業訓練班。
簡介：進修職業英語、會話，了解美國社會文化，認識多項職業訓練等。

報名：請找余小姐，電話：426-9492或親臨該會填寫表格。

☆免費建築業學徒先修班

課程為期十週，上課時間：星期二及星期四晚上六時至九時及五個星期六整天，九月或十月左右開課。
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其它：

（一）公民入籍筆試

華美福利會已獲授權為波士頓區的人籍考試中心，你可在華美福利會參加有關英語能力及美國歷史與政府部份的入籍考試。入籍考試於每月第二個星期一參加入籍講座或致電：426-9492。

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申請人籍或需護照相片者，請到華美福利會，收費五元、品質優美。

華美福利會還有多項社區服務，如協助辦理各項移民簽證、房屋申請、職業介紹、老人福利、諮詢轉介輔導、翻譯公証等服務。

波士頓僑教中心

九二年九月份活動

☆中心第二圖書館開業

訂於九月十八日下午二時舉行開幕茶會，歡迎各界人士蒞臨參觀指教，該圖書館開放時間訂為每星期五、六、日，詳情請洽本中心：（617）482-3292，新館地址為 437 Cherry St., Room 201, West Newton。電話：（617）558-2802。

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☆第四期外丹功班

八月十四日開課，由張志通大師入室弟子賀緒武先生教授，每週六早上十時半至十二時，共十二週，學費五十五元，名額有限，報名從速。

☆新開第七期英文班

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☆售書

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補假一天，原應於九月五日還書者可延至九月十二日（星期日）歸還，不便之處敬請原諒。

日前接獲羅能興先生捐贈『故宮藏畫精選』及幸運人出版社捐贈『開拓者叢書』美東篇二書，中心特致謝忱。

波士頓藝術中心

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《胡桃鉗》是該團在感恩至聖誕節期間上演的傳統舞劇，去年開始以此為題舉辦集市，有上百商販及數千參觀者出席，今年可望規模更加盛大。

市場收入將資助該舞團的教育和外展計劃。歡迎各商家聯繫攤位，請電話：（617）695-6950 轉 234。

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表决C地段用途的大眾投票即將進行。我們訪問了社區各界的一些代表，他們對C地段事件及民眾應如何對待投票表示了態度。

◎屋街居民梅景輝說，華埠許多居民都不願在C地段建大型停車場，但華埠社區議會卻贊成，我們不明白社區議會為何如此，他們並沒代表大多數居民的意見，而只代表了政府和紐英崙醫院。所幸的是美國是個自由民主的國家，我們有機會重新討論此事。舉行投票，可讓更多的人對此表示是與否的態度。不過許多華人不熱衷參加社會活動，也懼怕有權者給自己施加壓力，所以多一事不如少一事，只顧自己做生意，而不太界入社區活動。但美國是個可以自由發表意見的國家，華人們應利用自己的權利，希望更多的人能積極參加投票。

◎剛從高中畢業，將進入費舍學院（Fisher College）攻讀小學教育專業的陳文璇家住大同村，她說大同村的青少年們很渴望能有活動場地。若在C地段造了停車場，不僅佔了社區的地皮，還給附近帶來交通、污染等問題。紐英崙醫院有自己的交通車輛，離公共汽車地鐵站在咫尺，華埠又已有了不少大型停車場，完全沒必要再建個車場。作為一個年輕人，她希望這塊地能用作青年活動中心，有供大家玩的籃球場、排球場。她相信許多青少年有相同看法，因此會去參加投票，以表達自己的意見。

◎三年前從中國大陸移民來美的李洪生說，來美國後感觸最深的一點，是人民可以大膽發表自己的意見，而在中國，人民卻沒這種自由。因此華人民眾應珍惜這種權利，積極參加投票，選舉等社會活動。他認為在C地段建停車場對華埠並無益處，而這個人可能是筆大數目，但對整個社區來說卻微不足道，可能還不夠昆士學校一年的開銷。他鼓勵廣大民眾以投票的方式表達自己的見解。

衛C地段聯盟的發言人，當然贊同讓華人前進會的駱理德也是華埠保

華埠社區投票眾探討問題

華埠新聞

問：我投的是反對票或贊成票？
答：不需要！因為這個投票日是由社區主辦而不是政府主辦的，故此不需要是公民也可投票。只要你是十四歲或以上的唐人街住客或是在麻省內居住的亞裔人士，便有權去投票。

問：我是否一定要是美國公民才可投票？
答：不是！重建局只作了「暫時決定」，但仍未作最後的決定。現時他們正收集社區對停車庫計劃的意見，同時會於九月份舉行一個公開的聆聽會。

問：興建停車庫的計劃不是已經決定了嗎？
答：不會！因為紐醫不是已經在華盛頓街興建停車庫嗎？

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此建築，社區也可對此考慮以提供利用此地段的其他可行選擇。她說C地段已是最後一塊地，一百八十餘萬款額，聽起來不少，但很快會花光，而華埠居民們卻要世代與停車場為鄰，華埠作為一個居民區已被逐步蠶食盡了。她說：「我相信我們能贏得這場鬥爭，此時我們必須做出金錢並不總

是萬事之首的選擇。」

◎華埠社區議會陳灼鑑與其他一位議會成員一起，對在C地段建停車場投了贊成票。他雖支持該方案，也表示在C地段建停車場並不是總地塊的最佳用途，但他相信這是社區唯一可行的一著。他說如果保衛C地段聯盟或其他人能拿出更好的選擇方案，他很願意洗耳恭聽。但在沒有更好選擇時，有理由接受而不是否決停車場方案。他說，C地段並不像聯盟所說是華埠最後一塊可發展土地，隨着新的中央幹線計劃和麻州收費公路建設，會為華埠創造新的發展地，像中央幹線計劃就能產生約五塊地段。

盡管陳灼鑑同意停車場帶來的交通和污染是值得社區考慮，但他懷疑是否問題真那麼嚴重。而且停車場的進出口是在那舍街（Nassau St.），對屋街防礙不大。他相信停車場帶來的車流增加遠不如在馬連道建中央幹線公路出口影響大，他曾積極反對後者。

保衛華埠C地段聯盟及有關團體將於九月十二、三日舉行大眾投票日，讓社區人士表決C地段用途。本報上期（八月二十日）第五版所刊登的有關文章中，有幾點需做說明與更正。

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他認為保衛C地段聯盟提案的最弱點是沒有給出結論，這塊地若不建停車場又該做何用？只說要將該地段保留到經濟好轉時，但他懷疑是否到那時就能籌足款來建社區中心？他覺得那計劃雄心勃勃卻難以實現。他指出，接受停車場的一個重要原因是那一百八十餘萬元和其他補償，這些錢能用於各種用途，如購買大同村、華埠居民們卻要世代與停車場為鄰，華埠作為一個居民區已被逐步蠶食盡了。她說：「我相信我們能贏得這場鬥爭，此時我們必須做出金錢並不總

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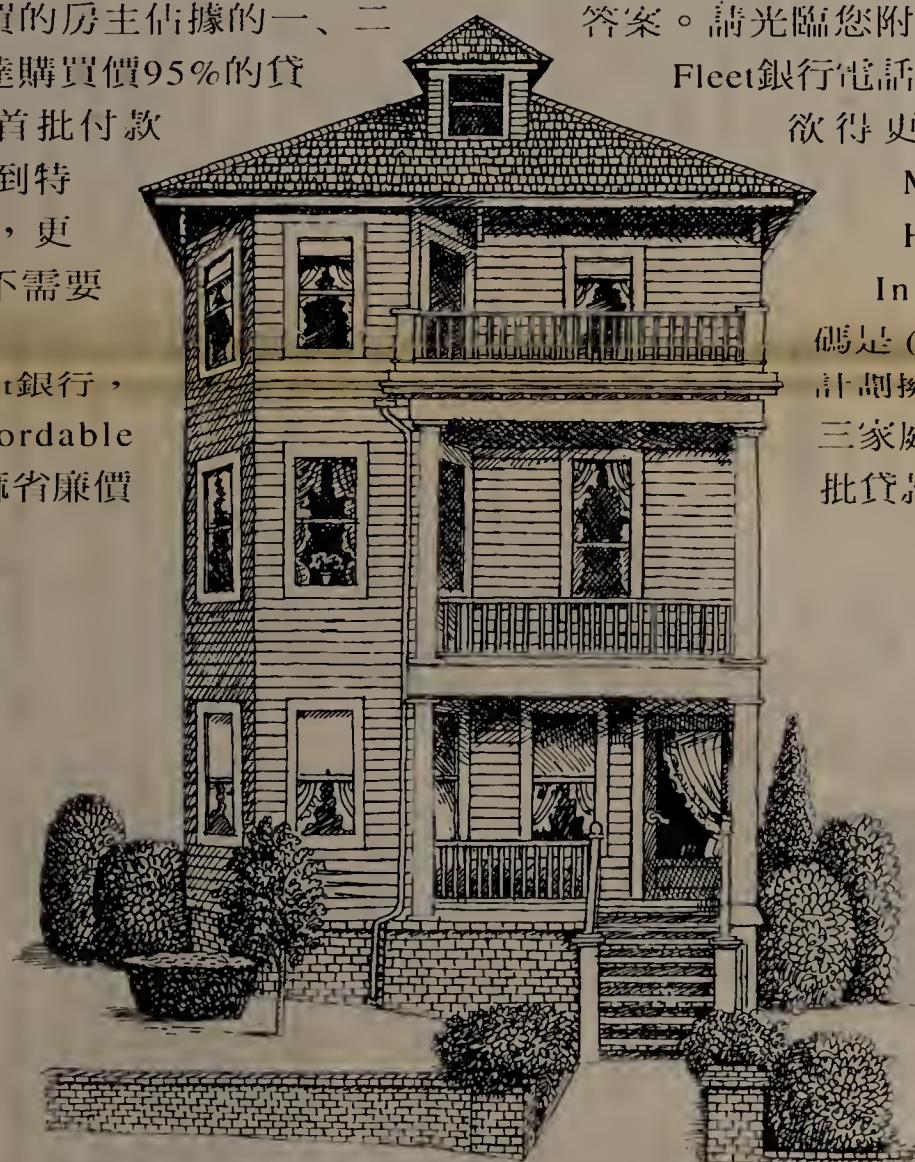
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蔡許岫霞說，她們的工作是先與報案人通過電話和當面交談，對可以調解的家庭糾紛，多半對雙方教育解決，只有那些相當嚴重的家庭暴力事件被立案。她們為受迫害的姐妹尋找庇護所安身，並為她們聯繫律師、法庭，以辦理離婚或訴訟。有時，為二名婦女找一個庇護所床位就需打幾十個電話，有的庇護所不接納帶著孩子的母親，還有時各處找不到空位，受害婦女只得回家，而有些丈夫便繼續欺負這些婦女，而目前的庇護所也缺乏適當的語言及文化服務。亞裔家庭暴力行動組因此更感到成立一個專門為亞裔婦女提供服務的庇護中心是相當緊迫的任務，目前他們正在募捐酬款，以便在明年建成亞裔婦女庇護中心。

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社會工作文憑，移民來美後也從事社會工作和移民服務，曾在華美福利會工作五年多，她感到現在從事的工作能更直接地接觸到亞裔婦女，更直接地為她們提供服務和幫助。目前在亞裔家庭暴力行動組和亞裔婦女專案工作的工作人員傾訴，你可撥亞裔家庭暴力行動組的電話（617）739-6896。亞裔婦女專案組還有講各亞美語的輔導員回答電話，華語（粵或國語）.. 277-5293，越南語.. 277-3648，柬埔寨語.. 277-5232。

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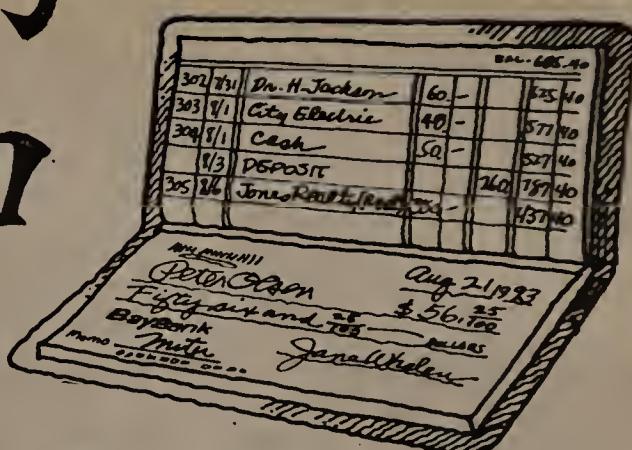
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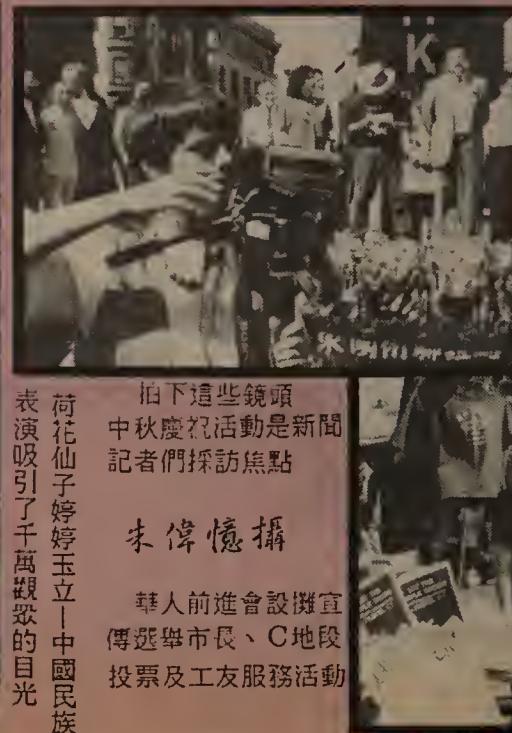
中秋活動也成了各市長和議員候選人競相宣傳的場所，主席台上站立和發言的不僅有大會主辦者和州、市府代表，還有多位正為競選熱身的政客

海外慶中秋 各族共圓月

本市一年一度的中秋盛會於八月二十二日在華埠舉行，這項活動已成為我們傳揚中華文化的傳統慶典。今年來參加慶祝的各族裔人士不下數萬人，越來越多的美國人樂於在這類帶有濃厚東方風俗的活動中享受和瞭解相異文化。



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讓亞裔婦女專案工作人員談反對家庭暴力

朱偉憶

成千上萬的新移民帶著《美國夢》來到這個國家之後，卻發現生活的現實並非象當初夢想的那麼美好。沉重的謀生壓力引起一些人心情煩躁、行為異常。在亞裔移民中，向社會發泄內心煩悶因而引發犯罪行為的還不是很多，因為亞裔一向比較膽小而守法，但有些人卻將無法排遣的苦悶在家庭內部發泄，造成家庭暴力事件增多，家庭中比較柔弱的成員，特別是老人、婦女、兒童，便成了無辜的受害者。

針對亞裔家庭暴力增加而於一九八七年成立的「亞裔反家庭暴力行動組」，便旨在通過加強教育、提供庇護、尋求警方和法庭幫助來減少家庭暴力事件及其危害。

該行動組織屬下的「亞裔婦女專案」則側重於解救受家庭暴力迫害的亞裔姐妹，並正在募集經費，以建立「亞裔婦女庇護中心」，以便為受家庭成員虐待而不敢回家的亞裔婦女提供安身之地。在亞裔婦女專案工作的蔡許岫霞女士說，麻州雖有多所婦女

庇護所，但那裡的工作人員都講英語，沒有專門針對亞裔特別是華人的庇護所，許多不懂英語的亞裔姐妹無法向美國社工人員傾訴她們的苦衷，也不瞭解可向何處尋求援助，只能忍辱負重地生存。而亞裔婦女專案組就是專門為這些亞裔婦女提供援助，有會講中、越、柬等亞洲語言的輔導員為她們排憂解難。

像蔡許岫霞女士便會講英語、國語、粵語，她們近幾個月來已為三十多位受害婦女提供了諮詢、輔導和法律及庇護等幫助，服務對象大部份是華人。在這些案例中，比較典型的是，一些有美國公民身份或永久居留權的男性，回國去找配偶，男女雙方往往不甚了解便結婚，女方跟了丈夫來美。不少這樣的妻子來自中國大陸，她們原以為嫁了個有美國身份的丈夫，就可以來美國享受，丈夫有自己的店業、房子、汽車，能使自己過上好日子。但來美之後卻發現，許多丈夫都在餐館等處做工，工作時間長，在美時間短，家裡居住面積窄小，與以

市長候選人論華埠

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前的想象相去甚遠。一些不甘苦悶的姐妹便走出家門去學英語、接受職業訓練，尋找工作機會，也因此取得進步。而有些丈夫卻因妻子比自己受到



蔡許岫霞樂於為亞裔姐妹服務

隨著九月二十一日的市長初選臨近，各位市長候選人更加緊鑼密鼓地策劃競選，在八月二十二日的中秋節慶典活動中，有多位競選者親臨華埠參加活動並登台演說。而華人社區似乎也分成不同派系分別支持不同的候選人。各位候選人對華埠事務有何見解？如若當選市長將如何服務華人社區呢？這當然是華人選民所關心的問題。本報對數位主要市長候選人做了採訪，徵求他們對華埠紅燈區、鄰區安全、鎗械管理、徵用土地和機構擴張，以及公校教育問題的看法。以下是他們的一些主要觀點。

羅拔·魯夫 (Robert Rufo)，四十二歲，現任薩佛克郡 (Suffolk County) 郡長，住布萊頓。他關注

華埠的衛生問題，認為華埠的環境衛生不能只靠每年一次『清潔日』來打扫，市里和社區應聯合組織日常清掃。

魯夫表示他將盡快發展社區警力。他批評警察局未盡更大努力僱用較多的亞裔警官，這是本市的缺憾。他認為必須使警方成為聯繫居民的紐帶。

關於C地段爭紛，魯夫說他知之

不多，難下定論，但傾向於支持對在該地段建停車場持反對意見的一派。他表示知道許多居民反對此計劃，而

重要。

金姆斯·百利特 (James

Brett)，四十三歲，住多徹斯特區，自一九八一年起便任州議員。他說

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市里以前曾答應該地段將用來建造社區活動中心。

魯夫說他極力支持職業培訓、成

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他相信華埠居民關心社區街道的犯罪

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